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SUBJECT: EMBASSY STAFF GRANTED MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS

1. WITHOUT COMMENT OR EXPLANATION MFA ISSUED MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO FOUR MEMBERS EMBASSY STAFF WHO HAD APPLIED FOR EXIT REENTRY VISAS IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT TO BELGRADE. PASSPORTS SENT MFA OCTOBER 1 AND RETURNED OCTOBER 5 WITH MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS VALID UNTIL OCTOBER 26 FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND UNTIL OCTOBER 20 FOR STAFF MEMBER DAO. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT MULTIPLE ENTRY ISSUED IN ERROR, SINCE STAMP "MULTIPLE ENTRY" IS SUPPLEMENTARY ONE COUNTERSIGNED BY VISA ISSUING OFFICER.

2. COMMENT: IN REQUESTING VISAS, EMBASSY HAD STATED THAT GROUP WOULD REENTER BULGARIA ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 10. EMBASSY WILL APPLY NEXT WEEK FOR REENTRY VISA FOR STAFF SECRETARY REPKA TRAVELING TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AT WHICH TIME WE WILL REQUEST THREE MONTH MULTIPLE ENTRY TO TEST HOW FAR GOB NOW WILLING TO GO TO MEET OUR LONG-STANDING REQUEST FOR IMPROVED VISA REGIME FOR NON DIPLO-MATIC STAFF. WHETHER OR NOT 3 MONTH VISA GRANTED, HAE BELIEVE BULGARS HAVE FOLLOWED OUR INFORMAL SUGGESTION THAT THIS MATTER BE SOLVED ROUTINELY. EMBASSY RE-COMMENDS THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT WE HAVE NOTED CHANGE IN POLICY AND THAT WE ARE WILLING TO RECIPROCATATE BY ISSUING

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MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS WITH SUGGESTION THAT 6 MONTHS

DURATION WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE.

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